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## Report of the Secretary-General

1. Under the terms of Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations, "Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government" undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information "relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible other than those territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply". In addition, the General Assembly, in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 52/71 of 10 December 1997, requested the administering Powers concerned "to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 *e* of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned".

2. The table annexed to the present report shows the dates on which information called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General in respect of the years from 1996 to 1998.

3. The information transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter follows in general the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history, population and economic, social and educational conditions. In the case of Territories under the administration of New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the annual reports of the Territories also include information on constitutional matters. Additional information on political and constitutional developments on Tokelau is given by the representative of New Zealand during meetings of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation

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of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Supplementary information is also made available by New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States concerning Territories under their administration.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, including in particular resolution 52/71, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation for the Special Committee of working papers on each Territory. The Special Committee has taken this information into account in formulating its decisions on these Territories, which are set forth in the relevant chapters of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its current session (see A/53/23 (Parts V-VII)). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (A/53/23 (Part IV), chap. VIII).

Annex

## Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations and period covered[a]

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| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| New Caledonia[b] | — | — | — | — |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| Tokelau | 28 May 1947 | 1946-47 | 21 May 1948 | 1947-48 |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| East Timor[c] | — | — | — | — |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| Western Sahara[c] | — | — | — | — |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| Anguilla | 13 March 1947 | 1946-48 | 28 April 1948 | 1948-49 |
| Bermuda | 17 January 1947 | 1947-48 | 1 June 1948 | 1948-49 |
| British Virgin Islands | 17 January 1947 and 9 May 1947 | 1947-48 | 1 June 1948 | 1948-49 |
| Cayman Islands | 9 May 1947 | 1947-48 | 31 March 1948 | 1948-49 |
| Falkland Islands (Malvinas) | 28 March 1947 | 1947-48 | 21 April 1948 | 1947 |
| Gibraltar | 28 March 1947 | 1947-48 | 28 April 1948 | 1948-49 |
| Montserrat | 6 May 1947 | 1948 | — | — |
| Pitcairn | 14 March 1947 | 1947-48 | 21 April 1948 | 1948-49 |
| Saint Helena | 28 October 1947 | 1948 | 1 June 1948 | 1947-48 |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | 7 March 1947 | 1947-48 | 31 March 1948 | 1948 |
| [illegible] | | | | |
| American Samoa | 2 April 1947 | 1947-48 | — | — |
| Guam | 2 April 1947 | 1947-48 | 2 June 1948 | 1948-49 |
| United States Virgin Islands | 2 April 1947 | 1947-48 | 2 June 1948 | 1948-49 |

[a] For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960), applies, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 27 (A/5446/Rev.1), annex I.

[b] According to its resolution 40/41 A of 2 December 1985, the General Assembly, considers that in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter.

[c] Period extends from 1 July of the year listed to 30 June of the following year.

[d] In a note verbale dated 9 April 1974 (A/AC.109/521), the Portuguese Representative of Portugal to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the conditions still prevailing in East Timor